Restructuring of the Ministry

1377. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTARCHRJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to restructure the Ministry of Defence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by when it will be implemented;

(d) whether a demand to implement the recommendations of Fifth Central Pay Commission regarding optimum civilisation of Service Headquarters has been received from AFHQ Associations; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon and the time by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Some proposals having a bearing on the re-organisation of Ministry of Defence are being examined in the Government.

(d) and (e) Representations from the Associations on the subject are under consideration.

Discrepancies in Recruitment

1378. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are discrepancies in recruiting requirements for the Armed Forces between various areas within the Jammu region;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether these anomalies will be removed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Recruitment in Navy and Air Force is on